

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Decision on Appeal, dated February 22, 2005 and is accompanied by an RCE. Claims 1 through 25 are presently pending in the above-identified patent application. Claims 1, 9, 12, 13, 21, 24, and 25 are 5 proposed to be amended herein. No new matter has been introduced.

In the Decision on Appeal, the Board on Patent Appeals and Interferences rejected independent claims 1, 13, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the collective teachings of Tagawa (United States Patent Number 5,991,773) and either Sawashima et al. (United States Patent Number 5,946,699; hereinafter, Sawashima) or 10 "Search the Kolb-Proust Archive Documents" (hereinafter, Kolb). The rejection of claims 9, 11, 12, 21, 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention, and the rejection of claims 8-9 and 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tagawa, and further in view of Sawashima et al., were sustained. The 15 rejection of claims 1-3, 5-6, 13-15, 17-18, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Tagawa, the rejection of claims 4 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tagawa, and further in view of Kisor et al., the rejection of claims 7, 10, 19, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tagawa, and further in view of George, the rejection of claims 11 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable 20 over Tagawa and George, and further in view of Kolb-Proust Archive, and the rejection of claims 12 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tagawa and George, and further in view of Kolb-Proust Archive, and further in view of Compose Search were not sustained.

The specification has been amended to explicitly incorporate a statement from 25 the related application, United States Patent Application Number 09/201,752, which was incorporated by reference by means of the parent application, United States Patent Application Number 09/201,750, of the present application. This amendment is also supported by the present specification at page 5, lines 1 through 7 and page 8, lines 14 through 28. No new matter is introduced.

Section 112 Rejections

Claims 9, 11, 12, 21, 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

5       Claims 9, 12, 21, and 24 have been amended to correct the antecedent basis of the cited terms. Applicant notes that the term “said versions” in claims 11 and 23 has antecedent basis in claims 1 (line 6) and 13 (line 8). Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the section 112 rejections be withdrawn.

Independent Claims 1, 13 and 25

Independent claims 1, 13, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as 10 being unpatentable over the collective teachings of Tagawa and either Sawashima or Kolb. Regarding claims 1, 13, and 25, the Board asserts that it would have been obvious to the artisan to replace the fixed timestamp of Tagawa with a variable time-stamp as taught by Sawashima and Kolb to obtain the advantages taught by Sawashima and Kolb.

Applicant notes that independent claims 1, 13, and 25 have been amended to require obtaining *two or more of said versions of said electronic documents identified by said variable time-stamp; and updating, in response to a request, one or more embedded hyperlinks* in each of at least two of said two or more obtained versions of said electronic document *to include a timestamp based on a requested timestamp*. Neither Tagawa, Sawashima, nor Kolb address the issue of updating, in response to a request, embedded hyperlinks in a version of the electronic document to include a timestamp based on a requested timestamp.

Thus, Tagawa, Sawashima, and Kolb, alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest obtaining two or more of said versions of said electronic documents identified by said variable time-stamp; and updating, in response to a request, one or more embedded hyperlinks in each of at least two of said two or more obtained versions of said electronic document to include a timestamp based on a requested timestamp, as required by independent claims 1, 13, and 25, as amended.

Additional References

Simonson et al., “Version Augmented URIs for Reference Permanence via an Apache Module Design,” Computer Networks and ISDN Systems, Vol. 30, No. 1-7, 337-345

(April 1998) was submitted in a Corrected Information Disclosure Statement dated October 30, 2003. Applicant respectfully request that Simonson be made of record, and that an initialed copy of the corresponding form PTO-1449 be returned. Simonson does not disclose or suggest obtaining *two or more of said versions of said electronic documents identified by said variable time-stamp; and updating, in response to a request, one or more embedded hyperlinks* in each of at least two of said two or more obtained versions of said electronic document *to include a timestamp based on a requested timestamp.*

Thus, Tagawa, Sawashima, Kolb, and Simonson, alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest obtaining two or more of said versions of said electronic documents identified by said variable time-stamp; and updating, in response to a request, one or more embedded hyperlinks in each of at least two of said two or more obtained versions of said electronic document to include a timestamp based on a requested timestamp, as required by independent claims 1, 13, and 25, as amended.

Dependent Claims 2-12 and 14-24

Dependent claims 8-9 and 20-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tagawa, and further in view of Sawashima et al.

Claims 2-12 and 14-24 are dependent on claims 1 and 13, respectively, and are therefore patentably distinguished over Tagawa, Sawashima, Kolb, and Simonson (alone or in any combination) because of their dependency from amended independent claims 1 and 13 for the reasons set forth above, as well as other elements these claims add in combination to their base claim.

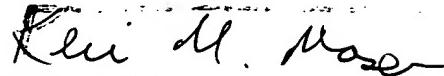
In view of the foregoing, the invention, as claimed in claims 1 through 25, cannot be said to be either taught or suggested by Tagawa, Sawashima, Kolb, or Simonson (alone or in any combination). Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1 through 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

5 All of the pending claims, i.e., claims 1 through 25, are in condition for allowance and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

The Examiner's attention to this matter is appreciated.

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